(c) if so, whether any inquiry has been ordered into the news report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) On the basis of the news published in The Hindustan Times on 2nd July, 2000. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting had earlier referred the matter to the Delhi Police for necessary action. However, ITDC has now informed through the Ministry of Tourism and Culture that the banned TV channel TB-6 is not relayed in any of their Hotels in Delhi including Kanishka as alleged in the newspaper report.

(c) Does not arise.

Cost of Production of LPT

863. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of production of LPG is uniform in all producing units of IOC, HPCL and BPCL;

(b) the items/elements which constitute the delivered cost of 14 kg. LPG; and

(c) the percentage of each item/element to the delivered cost including subsidy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) The production cost of petroleum products can not be identified separately since all the products are produced jointly. The production cost for any company would include cost of crude oil, processing charges, marketing cost, filling charges, freight, distributors' commission, taxes, other duties etc.

The oil companies are paid import parity price for LPG uplifted in bulk. The tariff adjusted import parity refinery gate price for the month of July 2000 has been provisionally fixed at Rs 14297.98/MT.

The current estimated subsidy on LPG (Domestic) cylinder is about Rs. 125/cylinder.